

INFORMATIONAL MEMORADUM KY-FD-IM-S-01-07

TO: Food Service Directors/Administrators

FROM: Sarah Castanis, Director
Division of Food Distribution

DATE: October 2, 2000

SUBJECT: Farm-to-School Pilot Program for 2002

The Farm-to-School Pilot Program is providing fresh locally grown produce from the Kentucky farmers directly to the schools. This program was formed through a partnership with Kentucky Department of Agriculture Divisions of Markets and Food Distribution and the U. S. Department of Defense (DOD). The pilot program is being conducted in Regions 4 and 8 (Somerset Food Service Area). Approximately 19 thousand dollars of Kentucky grown produce has been ordered and will be delivered during the month of October 2000. These purchases were made using either DOD funds (Group A entitlement dollars) or 4 & 11 funds (reimbursement dollars through the Department of Education). We will keep you informed of the progress; and, once we get the system running smoothly in the pilot, we will be expanding the program statewide.

The Division of Markets and the Kentucky farmers are now interested in developing the program to include the ability to provide locally grown product for schools in processed form. This will allow schools to receive fresh produce as well as providing schools locally grown products beyond the spring and fall growing seasons. Processing would include products such as frozen or canned green beans, frozen corn, canned tomatoes as well as bagging apple slices for apple chips.

The enclosed survey list several items currently grown in Kentucky and the processed item that could be provided for your schools. Please indicate your interest and the preferred pack size and enter the total number of cases your system used of each item during the 1999-2000 school year. Additional space is provided for you to include any product(s) grown in your area, that you would like to receive.

Please complete and return the enclosed survey, via fax 502-564-7924 (no cover sheet required) or mail, to this office on or before October 16th. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Teresa Ulery at 502-564-0366 Ext. 261.

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Enclosure

FARM-TO-SCHOOL (FTS) PROGRAM
KENTUCKY PRODUCE
SURVEY FOR SY 2002

Please indicate your preference of each item(s) that your would be interested in purchasing from the FTS Program, if available by placing a (✓) in the yes or no column. Enter the preferred pack size and the number of cases used by your school system during the 99-2000 school year, on each item you would like to receive.

**THIS IS FOR SURVEY PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD BE
RETURNED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 16TH.**

PRODUCE	PROCESSING OPTION	YES	NO	* PACK SIZE	** YIELD/USAGE
Green Beans	Fresh				
	Canned				
	Frozen				
Broccoli	Fresh				
	Frozen				
Corn	Fresh				
	Frozen Cobbettes				
	Frozen				
Apples	Fresh				
	Frozen IQF Apple Slices				
	Diced Apple Chips				
Tomatoes	Fresh				
	Fresh Diced				
	Fresh Pre Cut Slices				
Potatoes	Fresh Baking				
	Frozen French Fries				
	Frozen Rounds				
	Canned New Potatoes				
	Frozen Wedges				
Cabbage	Fresh				
	Slaw Mix				
Peppers Bell	Fresh				
	Pre-Cut				
Egg Plant	Fresh				
Cucumbers	Fresh				

* Pack size - Case, 4/#10, 6/#10

** Yield /Usage - Indicate the number of cases your system has used of each of these item(s) during SY00.